



# The Daily Whip

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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**\*\* DEMOCRATS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE TIM BISHOP DISCHARGE PETITION (No.10) TO DISCHARGE H.R. 3004. THIS BILL PROVIDES MANDATORY ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY STANDARDS AND IS BASED ON CONSENSUS BIPARTISAN PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE CONFERENCE REPORT FOR H.R.6. CHECK THE CLERK’S WEBSITE TO SEE IF YOUR MEMBER HAS SIGNED ON:**  
<http://clerk.house.gov/108/lrc/pd/petitions/Dis10.htm>

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

**H.Res. 732 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4837 - Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Myrick / Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule permits any amendment that does not require waivers of points of order. **The Rule protects the text of the bill from Rule XXI points of order regarding unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill, except for Section 129, the section of the bill that raises the cap on federal contributions to the Military Housing Privatization Initiative by \$500 million.** This cap would prevent improved military housing for almost 50,000 military families in 22 states. By exposing Section 129 to a point of order, Republicans in the committee would allow for the possibility of this provision being stripped from the bill during Floor consideration.

**H.Res. 730 - Rule providing for consideration of Conference Report on H.R. 2443 - Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 (Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report.

**H.R. 4837 - Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Knollenberg / Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill provides \$10 billion for FY05 including: \$5.3 billion for military construction (\$1.1 billion for barracks, \$26 million for child development centers, \$190 million for hospital and medical facilities); \$4.2 billion for family housing (\$1.6 billion for new family housing units and improvements to existing units, and \$2.5 billion for operation and maintenance of existing units); \$82 million for the Chemical Demilitarization program; \$166 million for NATO Security Investment Program; and \$246 million for base realignment and closure. This bill includes a provision added in committee that would relieve the Pentagon from a statutory spending limit on building and renovating under a military family housing program --- the \$850 million cap in the public-private housing program would be increased by \$500 million. This important provision was included after strong pressure from Democrats led by Rep. Chet Edwards, who helped initiate the military housing program in 1996.

**Conference Report on H.R. 2443 - Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 (Rep. Young (AK) / Transportation and Infrastructure).** The conference report authorizes \$8.2 billion in FY05 for activities of the U.S. Coast Guard, and \$84.3 million for the FY05-FY08 period for Federal Maritime Commission activities. The conference report increases the authorized personnel level of the Coast Guard from the current 37,000 to 45,500; authorizes Coast Guard personnel to carry firearms and make arrests; and eliminates the current requirement that Coast Guard vessels fire a warning shot across the bow of a fleeing vessel. The conference report does not include House language that would have required every foreign vessel entering a U.S. port to submit a security plan for approval.

Suspensions (14 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 4840** - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the taxation of businesses (Rep. Crane - Ways & Means)
- 2) **H.R. 4841** - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain tax rules for individuals (Rep. Burns - Ways & Means)
- 3) **H.R. 4864** - Surface Transportation Extension Act, Part IV (Rep. Young (AK) / Transportation and Infrastructure)
- 4) **H.Res. 647** - Supporting the goals of National Marina Day and urging marinas to continue providing environmentally friendly gateways to boating (Rep. Deal - Transportation & Infrastructure)



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- 5) **H.R. 3884** - To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (*Rep. Gonzalez - Transportation & Infrastructure*)
- 6) **H.R. 4294** - Judge William B. Bryant Annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse Building Designation Act (*Rep. Norton / Transportation and Infrastructure*)
- 7) **H.R. 4056** - Commercial Aviation MANPADS Defense Act of 2004 (*Rep. Mica - Transportation & Infrastructure*)
- 8) **S. 2362** - To authorize construction of a Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory instrumentation support control building and associated site development on Kitt Peak, Arizona (*Sen. Cochran / House Administration*)
- 9) **H.R. 4011** - North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 (*Rep. Leach - International Relations*)
- 10) **H.Res. 652** - Urging the Government of the Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for its parliamentary elections in the fall of 2004 (*Rep. Bereuter - International Relations*)
- 11) **H.R. 4660** - To amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to extend the authority to provide assistance to countries seeking to become eligible countries for purposes of that Act (*Rep. Lantos - International Relations*)
- 12) **H.Con.Res. 418** - Recognizing the importance in history of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan (*Rep. Lantos - International Relations*)
- 13) **H.Con.Res. 436** - Celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country (*Rep. Payne - International Relations*)
- 14) **H.Con.Res. 469** - Condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994 and expressing the concern of the United States regarding the continuing, decade-long delay in the resolution of this case (*Rep. Ros-Lehtinen - International Relations*)

#### Postponed Suspension Votes (4 bills):

- 1) **H.Res. 723** - Recognizing the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing (*Rep. Hall / Science*)
- 2) **H.R. 4608** - To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the "Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic" (*Rep. LaHood - Veterans' Affairs*)
- 3) **H.R. 4175** - Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004 (*Rep. Smith {NJ} - Veterans' Affairs*)
- 4) **H.Res. 728** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the actions of terrorists will never cause the date of any Presidential election to be postponed and that no single individual or agency should be given the authority to postpone the date of a Presidential election. (*Ney - House Administration*)

**Postponed Vote on the Stenholm Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1308** – Extension of Tax Cuts Conference Report. This motion instructs conferees to agree, to the maximum extent possible within the scope of the conference, to a conference report that extends the tax relief provisions that expire at the end of 2004, and does not increase the federal budget deficit.

## TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House will consider: **H.R. 3313** - Marriage Protection Act of 2003 (*Rep. Hostettler - Judiciary*) (*Subject to a Rule*); and may also consider **H.R. 4842** - United States-Morocco Free Trade Implementation Act (*Rep. DeLay - Ways & Means*) (*Subject to a Rule*); and **H.R. 4613** - Department of Defense Appropriations Conference Report.

#### Daily Quote...

"[Dean Maki, an economist with J.P. Morgan Chase and formerly the Federal Reserve] estimates that in terms of dollars saved, the top 20% of households by income got 77% of the benefit of the 2003 tax cuts, and roughly 50% of the 2001 tax cuts. And of the stocks held by households, roughly 75% are owned by the top 20% of those households."

- A story in *The Wall Street Journal* on Tuesday that reports that high-income Americans taxpayers have reaped great gains recently while low- and middle-income families are continuing to struggle